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Featuring
"The BALLAD of BATMAN!"
Anthony Mango
NONE KNOWS FROM WHERE THEY COME NOR WHEN, BUT THEY STRIKE LIKE LIGHTNING AT EVIL MEN! BATMAN AND ROBIN!
POLICE
PRECINCT

Come on, Buddy, Quit being A BAG-of-BONES Weakling like I was

BEFORE

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I gained **25** Terrific LBS. of **HANDSOME POWER-PACKED MUSCLES** all over!
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I won **NEW STRENGTH** for money-making work! for WINNING at all SPORTS!
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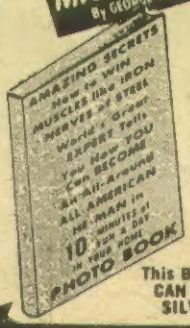
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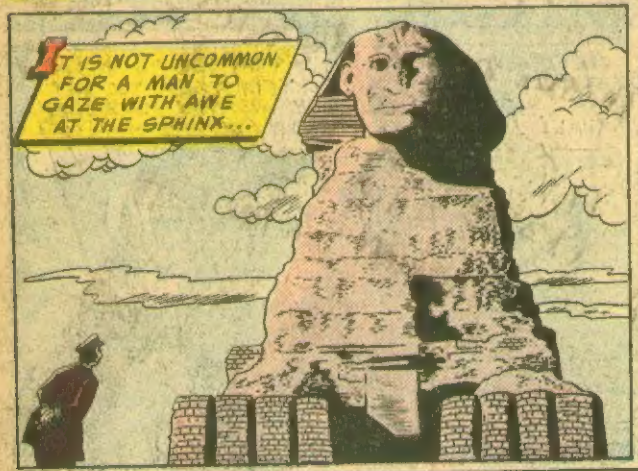
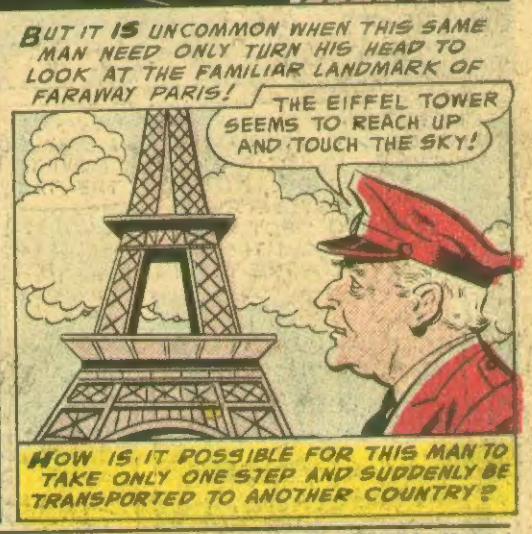
BATMAN
WITH
ROBIN
- THE BOY WONDER -
CAN YOU IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE BATMAN AND ROBIN NEED TAKE BUT ONE STEP TO GET FROM CAIRO TO CALCUTTA -- WHERE ANOTHER STEP CAN TAKE THEM TO A MAYAN TEMPLE, AND ANOTHER STEP TO THE EIFFEL TOWER? YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT'S POSSIBLE? THEN SEE FOR YOURSELF AS THEY SEEMINGLY SPAN WHOLE CITIES WITH SEVEN-LEAGUE BOOTS WHEN THEY MEET...
THE GUARDIAN OF 100 CITIES!




BUT IT IS UNCOMMON WHEN THIS SAME MAN NEED ONLY TURN HIS HEAD TO LOOK AT THE FAMILIAR LANDMARK OF FARAWAY PARIS!
THE EIFFEL TOWER SEEMS TO REACH UP AND TOUCH THE SKY!
HOW IS IT POSSIBLE FOR THIS MAN TO TAKE ONLY ONE STEP AND SUDDENLY BE TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER COUNTRY?

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THE "EIFFEL TOWER" AND THE "SPHINX" ARE ONLY REPLICAS LIKE OTHER MOVIE SETS STORED IN A SPRAWLING FIELD NOT FAR FROM THIS HOLLYWOOD STUDIO...
THE WORLD OUTSIDE IS HARD-- BUT HERE, IN MY WORLD, IT IS PEACEFUL, QUIET! NO ONE COMES HERE TO BOTHER ME!
SUDDENLY, TWO COSTUMED FIGURES ENTER...
BATMAN AND ROBIN! WHAT DO YOU WANT HERE IN MY DOMAIN?
HUH? WHY, WE GOT A TIP THAT SOME ESCAPED CONVICTS MIGHT BE HIDING HERE!
SHAG DARNELL, THE GANGSTER, AND THREE OTHER CONVICTS BROKE JAIL THIS MORNING! IT WAS IN ALL THE NEWSPAPERS--
I DON'T READ THE NEWSPAPERS. I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE OUTSIDE WORLD! THAT'S THE WAY I LIKE IT!
GET OFF THE EIFFEL TOWER! YOU'VE NO RIGHT THERE!
IF THOSE CONVICTS ARE HIDING AROUND HERE, ROBIN MAY BE ABLE TO SPOT THEM FROM THE TOP OF THE TOWER!
(WHISPER: BATMAN, I SAW SOMETHING MOVING NEAR THE TAJ MAHAL!
WATCHMAN, I WANT YOU TO PHONE THE POLICE! TELL THEM TO GET HERE QUICKLY AND TO SURROUND THE ENTIRE AREA!
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SOON AFTER...
GOSH, BATMAN, THIS IS A LOT DIFFERENT THAN GOING OVER THE ROOF-TOPS OF GOTHAM CITY!
MEANWHILE, UNDER THE DOME OF THE IMITATION TAJ MAHAL...
YOU SURE KNOW YOUR STUFF, SHAG! NO COP WOULD LOOK FOR US IN A MOVIE STORAGE LOT!
EVERYTHING'S GOING ACCORDING TO PLAN! ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS STAY HIDDEN TILL NIGHT!
THEN ONE OF MY GANG WILL LAND A PLANE AT THE EDGE OF THE FIELD-- AND THAT PLANE WILL FLY US RIGHT OVER THE BORDER WHERE NO ONE WILL EVER FIND US! REAL NEAT, EH?
AT THAT INSTANT, THE TWO CAPED CRIMEFIGHTERS PREPARE A SURPRISE...
THEY HAVEN'T SEEN US YET, ROBIN! WE'LL CATCH THEM OFF-GUARD!
BUT, ABRUPTLY, AS THEIR WEIGHT CAUSES A LOOSE NAIL TO FALL FROM A PLANK...
CLINK
THAT SOUND ATTRACTED THEIR ATTENTION!
BATMAN AND ROBIN! SPLIT UP, AND RUN! WE CAN'T TACKLE THEM WITHOUT GUNS!
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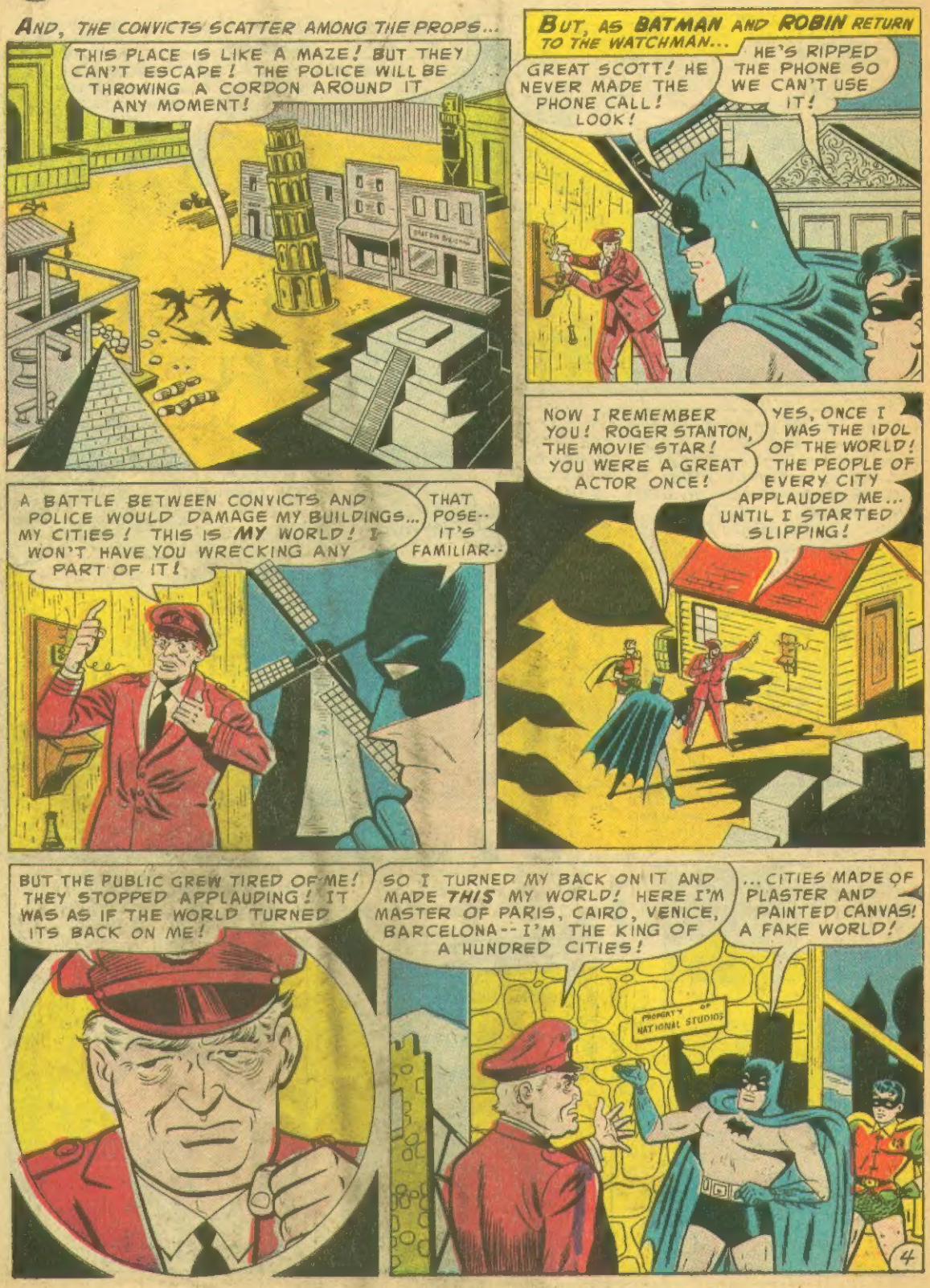
AND, THE CONVICTS SCATTER AMONG THE PROPS...
THIS PLACE IS LIKE A MAZE! BUT THEY CAN'T ESCAPE! THE POLICE WILL BE THROWING A CORDON AROUND IT ANY MOMENT!
BUT, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN RETURN TO THE WATCHMAN...
GREAT SCOTT! HE NEVER MADE THE PHONE CALL! LOOK!
HE'S RIPPED THE PHONE SO WE CAN'T USE IT!
NOW I REMEMBER YOU! ROGER STANTON, THE MOVIE STAR! YOU WERE A GREAT ACTOR ONCE!
YES, ONCE I WAS THE IDOL OF THE WORLD! THE PEOPLE OF EVERY CITY APPLAUDED ME... UNTIL I STARTED SLIPPING!
A BATTLE BETWEEN CONVICTS AND POLICE WOULD DAMAGE MY BUILDINGS... MY CITIES! THIS IS MY WORLD! I WON'T HAVE YOU WRECKING ANY PART OF IT!
THAT POSE-- IT'S FAMILIAR--
BUT THE PUBLIC GREW TIRED OF ME! THEY STOPPED APPLAUDING! IT WAS AS IF THE WORLD TURNED ITS BACK ON ME!
SO I TURNED MY BACK ON IT AND MADE THIS MY WORLD! HERE I'M MASTER OF PARIS, CAIRO, VENICE, BARCELONA--I'M THE KING OF A HUNDRED CITIES!
...CITIES MADE OF PLASTER AND PAINTED CANVAS! A FAKE WORLD!
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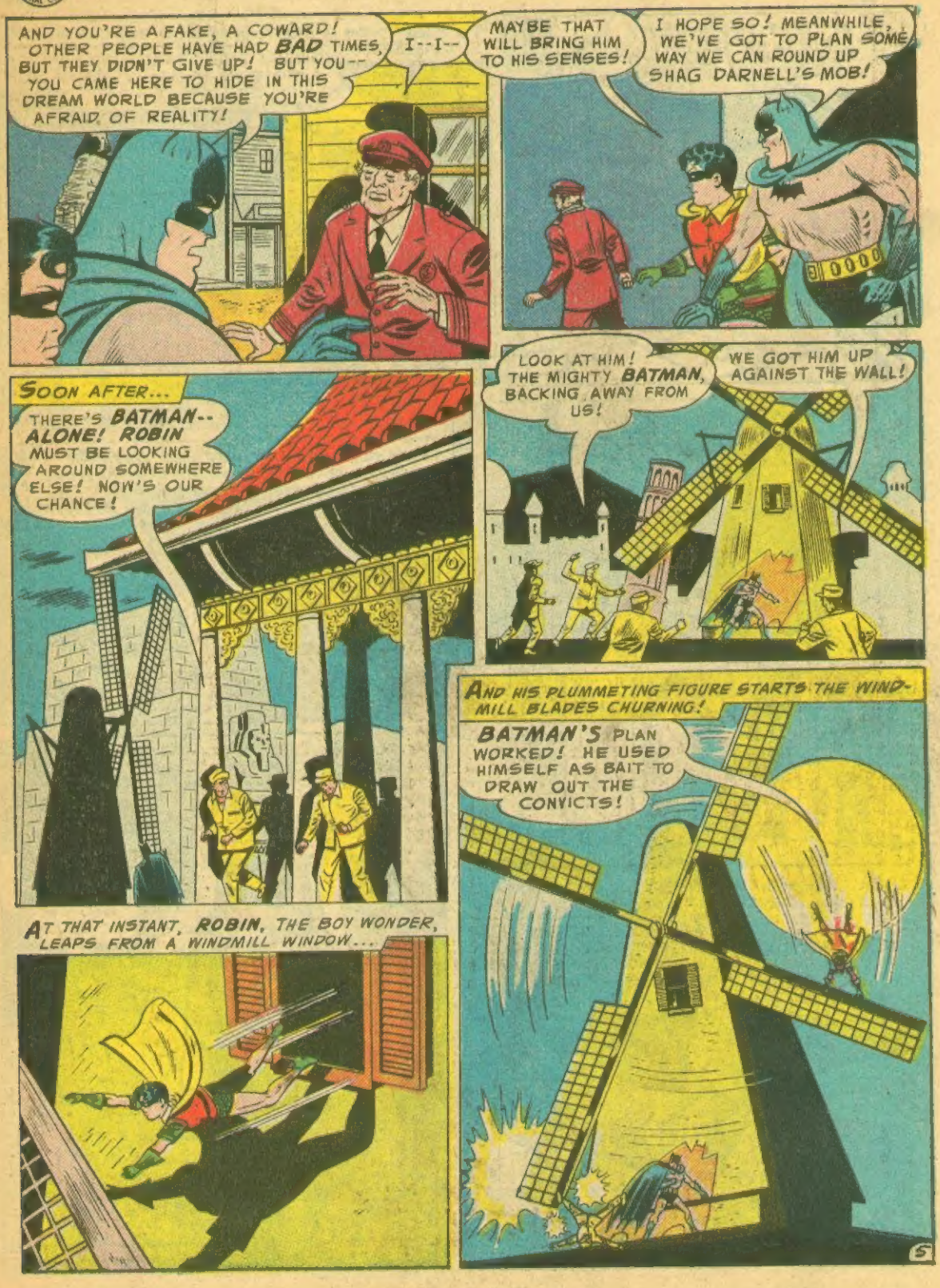
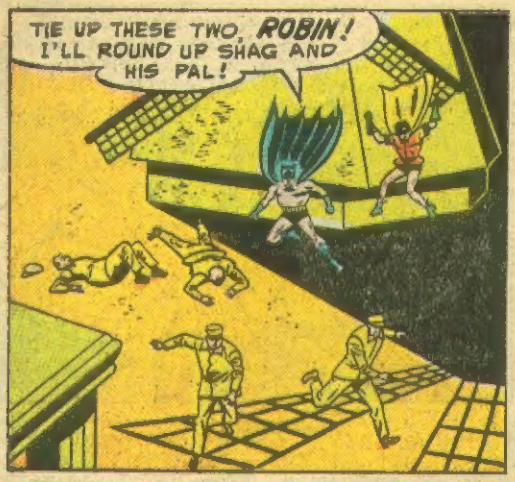
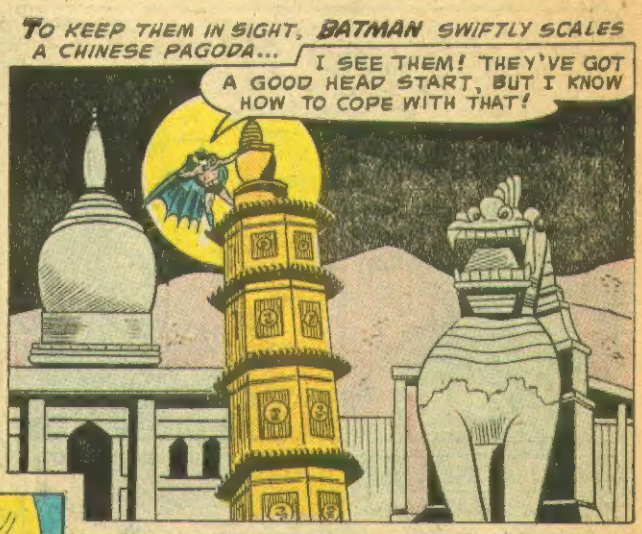
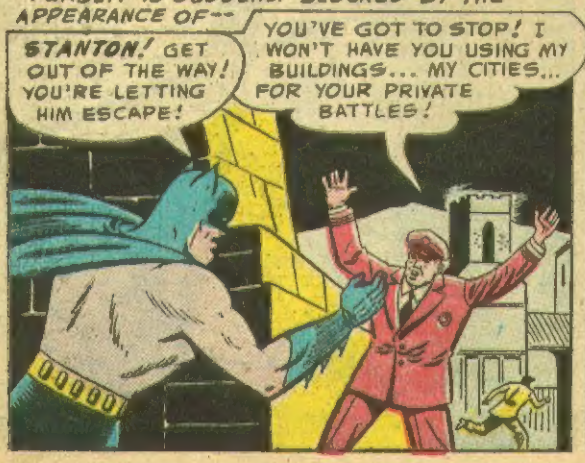

AND YOU'RE A FAKE, A COWARD! OTHER PEOPLE HAVE HAD BAD TIMES, BUT THEY DIDN'T GIVE UP! BUT YOU-- YOU CAME HERE TO HIDE IN THIS DREAM WORLD BECAUSE YOU'RE AFRAID OF REALITY!
I--I--
MAYBE THAT WILL BRING HIM TO HIS SENSES!
I HOPE SO! MEANWHILE, WE'VE GOT TO PLAN SOME WAY WE CAN ROUND UP SHAG DARNELL'S MOB!
SOON AFTER...
THERE'S BATMAN-- ALONE! ROBIN MUST BE LOOKING AROUND SOMEWHERE ELSE! NOW'S OUR CHANCE!
LOOK AT HIM! THE MIGHTY BATMAN, BACKING AWAY FROM US!
WE GOT HIM UP AGAINST THE WALL!
AND HIS PLUMMETING FIGURE STARTS THE WINDMILL BLADES CHURNING!
BATMAN'S PLAN WORKED! HE USED HIMSELF AS BAIT TO DRAW OUT THE CONVICTS!
AT THAT INSTANT, ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER, LEAPS FROM A WINDMILL WINDOW...


TIE UP THESE TWO, ROBIN! I'LL ROUND UP SHAG AND HIS PAL!


TO KEEP THEM IN SIGHT, BATMAN SWIFTLY SCALES A CHINESE PAGODA...
I SEE THEM! THEY'VE GOT A GOOD HEAD START, BUT I KNOW HOW TO COPE WITH THAT!

THAT EGYPTIAN OBELISK IS JUST THE RIGHT HEIGHT!

LIKE SOME WINGED CREATURE, BATMAN SWOOPS DOWN OVER THE BIZARRE SKYLINE...
BATMAN!


ONLY SHAG REMAINS FREE NOW, BUT BATMAN'S PURSUIT IS SUDDENLY BLOCKED BY THE APPEARANCE OF--
STANTON! GET OUT OF THE WAY! YOU'RE LETTING HIM ESCAPE!
YOU'VE GOT TO STOP! I WON'T HAVE YOU USING MY BUILDINGS... MY CITIES... FOR YOUR PRIVATE BATTLES!

"PRIVATE" BATTLES? DON'T YOU REALIZE IT'S YOUR FIGHT, TOO? YOUR "WORLD" HAS BEEN INVADED BY CRIMINALS! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
THEY'RE SO BUSY TALKIN', THEY WON'T NOTICE ME!
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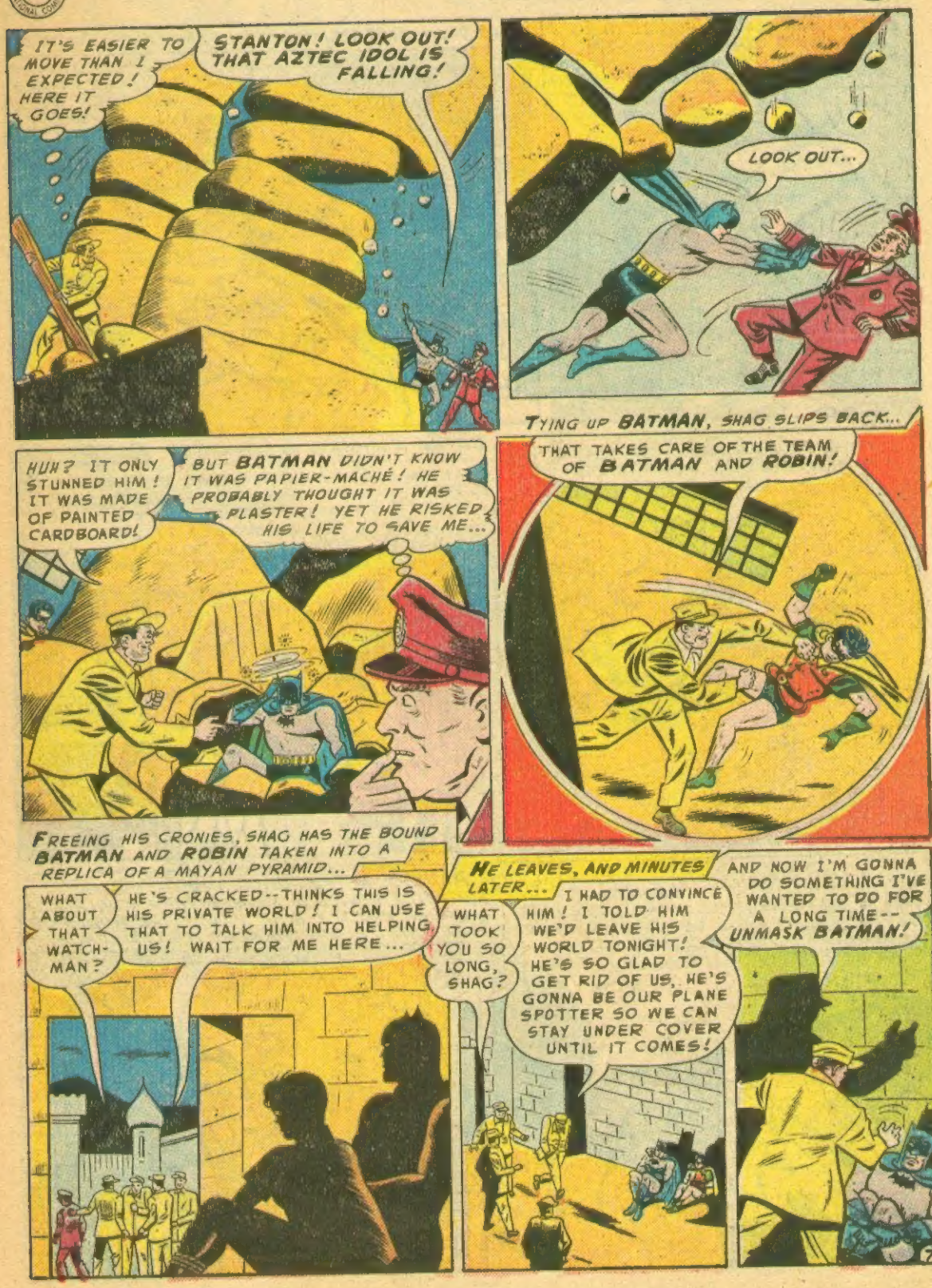
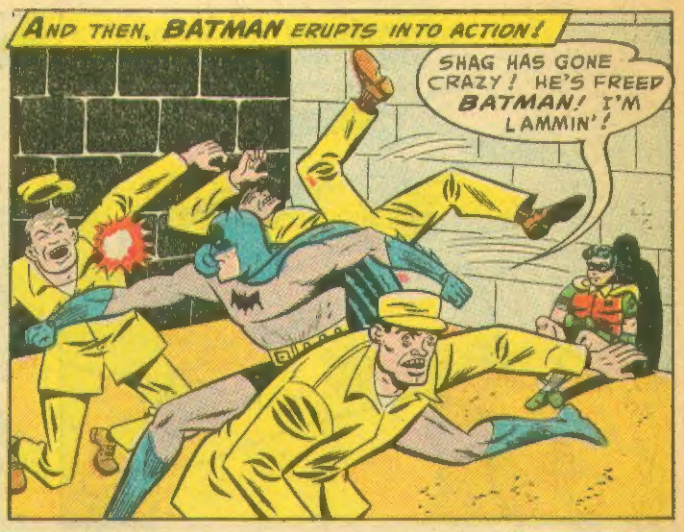
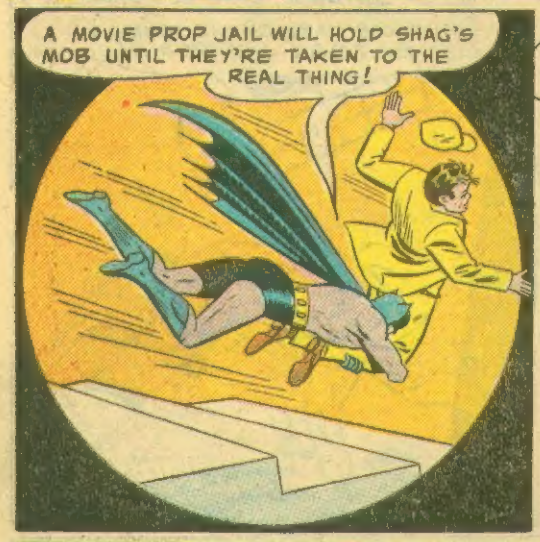

IT'S EASIER TO MOVE THAN I EXPECTED! HERE IT GOES!
STANTON! LOOK OUT! THAT AZTEC IDOL IS FALLING!
LOOK OUT...
TYING UP BATMAN, SHAG SLIPS BACK...
HUH? IT ONLY STUNNED HIM! IT WAS MADE OF PAINTED CARDBOARD!
BUT BATMAN DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS PAPIER-MACHÉ! HE PROBABLY THOUGHT IT WAS PLASTER! YET HE RISKED HIS LIFE TO SAVE ME...
THAT TAKES CARE OF THE TEAM OF BATMAN AND ROBIN!
FREEING HIS CRONIES, SHAG HAS THE BOUND BATMAN AND ROBIN TAKEN INTO A REPLICA OF A MAYAN PYRAMID...
WHAT ABOUT THAT WATCH-MAN?
HE'S CRACKED--THINKS THIS IS HIS PRIVATE WORLD! I CAN USE THAT TO TALK HIM INTO HELPING US! WAIT FOR ME HERE...
HE LEAVES, AND MINUTES LATER...
WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG, SHAG?
I HAD TO CONVINCE HIM! I TOLD HIM WE'D LEAVE HIS WORLD TONIGHT! HE'S SO GLAD TO GET RID OF US, HE'S GONNA BE OUR PLANE SPOTTER SO WE CAN STAY UNDER COVER UNTIL IT COMES!
AND NOW I'M GONNA DO SOMETHING I'VE WANTED TO DO FOR A LONG TIME-- UNMASK BATMAN!

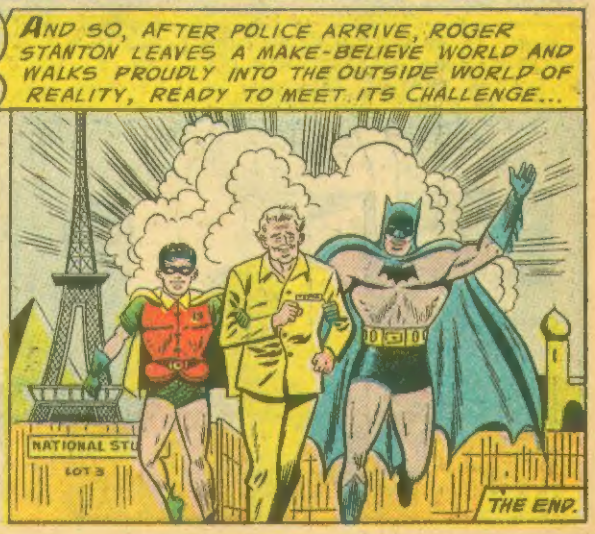
BUT AS ONE HAND IS POISED OVER BATMAN'S COWL-- THE OTHER HAND, HIDDEN FROM THE CONVICTS, SUDDENLY SLASHES BATMAN'S BONDS!


AND THEN, BATMAN ERUPTS INTO ACTION!
SHAG HAS GONE CRAZY! HE'S FREED BATMAN! I'M LAMMIN'!


A MOVIE PROP JAIL WILL HOLD SHAG'S MOB UNTIL THEY'RE TAKEN TO THE REAL THING!

LATER, A MYSTERY IS EXPLAINED...
STANTON-- IT WAS YOU!
YES! I TOOK SHAG BY SURPRISE WHEN HE LEFT YOU TWO IN THE MAYAN PYRAMID! AFTER KNOCKING HIM OUT, I PUT ON MAKEUP I KEEP IN MY ROOM. I HAD TO PLAY THE PART OF SHAG TO FREE BATMAN!

WHAT ACTING! YOU NOT ONLY FOOLED BATMAN AND ME, BUT EVEN SHAG'S CRONIES!
THE STUDIO WILL OFFER YOU A CONTRACT AFTER THIS! YOU'LL BE ABLE TO BEGIN YOUR CAREER AGAIN!


AND SO, AFTER POLICE ARRIVE, ROGER STANTON LEAVES A MAKE-BELIEVE WORLD AND WALKS PROUDLY INTO THE OUTSIDE WORLD OF REALITY, READY TO MEET ITS CHALLENGE...
THE END.

JERRY
THE JITTERBUG
HENRY BOLTINOFF
HI, JANE !
I'M GOING AWAY TO SCHOOL FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS !
IMAGINE ! SIX MONTHS WITHOUT SEEING YOU !
I'LL BE SO MISERABLE ALL THE WHILE I'M AWAY FROM YOU !
OH, JERRY. IF I COULD BE SURE OF THAT IT WOULD MAKE ME SO HAPPY !
ADVERTISEMENT
STOPS A ROBBERY
GEE, WINGS, THAT MOVIE ENDED LATE
I JUST SAW A LIGHT IN THE JONES' HOUSE, WINGS
THEY'RE AWAY ON VACATION. IT COULD BE ROBBERS. WAIT HERE, WINNIE
OUR WINCHESTER SKATES WILL GET US HOME FAST
BOY, LOOK AT THAT YOUNGSTER GO!
SURE, IT'S WINGS WINCHESTER SAY, HE WANTS US!
THANKS TO YOUR FAST SKATING, WINGS, WE GOT 'EM BOTH!
WINCHESTER SUPER SPEED SKATES HELP ANYONE SKATE FASTER
AND THEY JUST LOOK TERRIFIC TOO!
SUPER FAST!
Skate faster . . skate easier! Each wheel has two rows of ball bearings
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Be sure to write your name and full address on the other side of the postcard
GET YOUR WINCHESTER SUPER SPEED ROLLER SKATES TODAY!

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DIG THIS EAGER BEAVER, BUZZY! JAN HERE IS ACTUALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING BACK TO SCHOOL AGAIN!
WHY SHOULDN'T I BE? DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN I FIRST CAME HERE FROM MY NATIVE LAND?
"I ATTENDED SCHOOL AND TRIED VERY HARD TO LEARN EVERYTHING I COULD TO PREPARE MYSELF FOR A FUTURE..."
"BUT EVERYTHING WAS STRANGE TO ME, AND I WAS VERY LONELY..."
SWEET SHOPPE
SODA
"BUT SOON I BEGAN TO MAKE FRIENDS AND LEARNED HOW TO GET ALONG WITH OTHERS..."
HOW AM I DOING, BUZZY?
COOL, JAN, COOL!
"AND I FOUND A WHOLE NEW WORLD OPENING UP BEFORE ME... IN SPORTS... DRAMATICS... SHOPWORK..."
THAT'S WHAT SCHOOL MEANS TO ME--NOT ONLY THE LEARNING AND THE STUDYING BUT ALL THOSE OTHER THINGS YOU GET A CHANCE TO DO.
Y'KNOW, FELLERS, JAN'S HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD! WE TAKE ALL THESE THINGS SO MUCH FOR GRANTED THAT WE FORGET WE'RE GETTING A FREE EDUCATION--PLUS!

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BATMAN
WITH ROBIN
THE BOY WONDER
THE WAIL OF A LOCOMOTIVE WHISTLE, THE HISS OF STEAM, THE CLANG OF RACING IRON WHEELS--AND THE MOST GLAMOROUS OF ALL TRAINS SPEEDS THROUGH THE NIGHT. FOR THIS IS BATMAN'S OWN TRAIN, THE BAT-CAVE-ON-RAILS THAT CARRIES THE DYNAMIC DUO DEEPER INTO A MENACING MYSTERY! AND THAT MYSTERY THREATENS NOT ONLY BATMAN AND ROBIN THEMSELVES BUT ALSO THEIR SWIFT STREAMLINER...
THE BAT-TRAIN
WHEEEEEEE
BOB KANE
FROM THE GOTHAM CITY TERMINAL, THE STRANGEST TRAIN IN HISTORY STEAMS FORTH..
THE TRAIN'S STARTING!
LOOK, THERE ARE BATMAN AND ROBIN WAVING GOODBYE!
MUSEUM OF JUSTI
SEMAPHORES SIGNAL A CLEAR TRACK, WHEELS CLICK FASTER--AND A FATEFUL RUN IS UNDER WAY!
HURRY, BOYS! WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE FAST TO KEEP UP WITH IT!
WE'LL DO IT-- THIS BAT-TRAIN IS GOING TO MAKE AN "IMPOSSIBLE" ROBBERY POSSIBLE!
HOW IS IT BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE NOW ACQUIRED A TRAIN? THE ANSWER...

.. GOES BACK TO A NIGHT WHEN WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, SAW A MEANINGFUL SYMBOL IN THE SKY..
OH, OH -- THE BAT-SIGNAL CALLING US! WE'D BETTER BECOME BATMAN AND ROBIN AGAIN, FAST
WONDER WHAT'S BROKEN?
IN POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE, THE DYNAMIC DUO LEARNS OF A NEW ASSIGNMENT...
--AND THESE POLICE COMMISSIONERS OF OTHER CITIES WANT YOU TO HELP PUBLICIZE ANTI-CRIME WEEK, BY APPEARING IN THEIR TOWNS!
WE'D BE GLAD TO! HAD WE BETTER MAKE THE TOUR IN THE BATMOBILE OR IN THE BAT-PLANE?
BATMAN, WE FEEL IT WOULD BEST DRAMATIZE YOUR WORK AGAINST CRIME IF YOU USE A TRAVELING BAT-CAVE! THE RAILROADS WILL COOPERATE TO FIX UP A SPECIAL TRAIN SHOWING ALL PHASES OF YOUR WORK!
A BAT-TRAIN? SWELL!
IN THE GREAT RAILROAD YARDS, AN UNPRECEDENTED TRAIN IS FITTED UP!
THE PORTABLE RAMPS WILL LET YOU GET THE BATMOBILE OR BATPLANE OFF THE FLAT-CAR QUICKLY! WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER CARS?
THEY'RE FINE -- OUR LIVING-QUARTERS CAR, OUR CRIME-LABORATORY CAR, AND --
--AND THIS MUSEUM OF JUSTICE CAR, WITH RELICS FROM OUR OWN HALL OF TROPHIES! WE'LL USE IT TO SHOW PEOPLE HOW EACH CRIMINAL WAS CAUGHT BY SOME MISTAKE HE MADE!
IT OUGHT TO BE A SENSATION!
SO NOW IT IS A TRUE BAT-CAVE ON WHEELS THAT PLUNGES OVERLAND!
WE'VE GOT TO BE AT CENTRAL CITY WHEN IT STOPS THERE!
HAW, HAW -- AND BATMAN DOESN'T KNOW HIS TRAIN WILL HELP US INSTEAD OF LAW-ENFORCEMENT!
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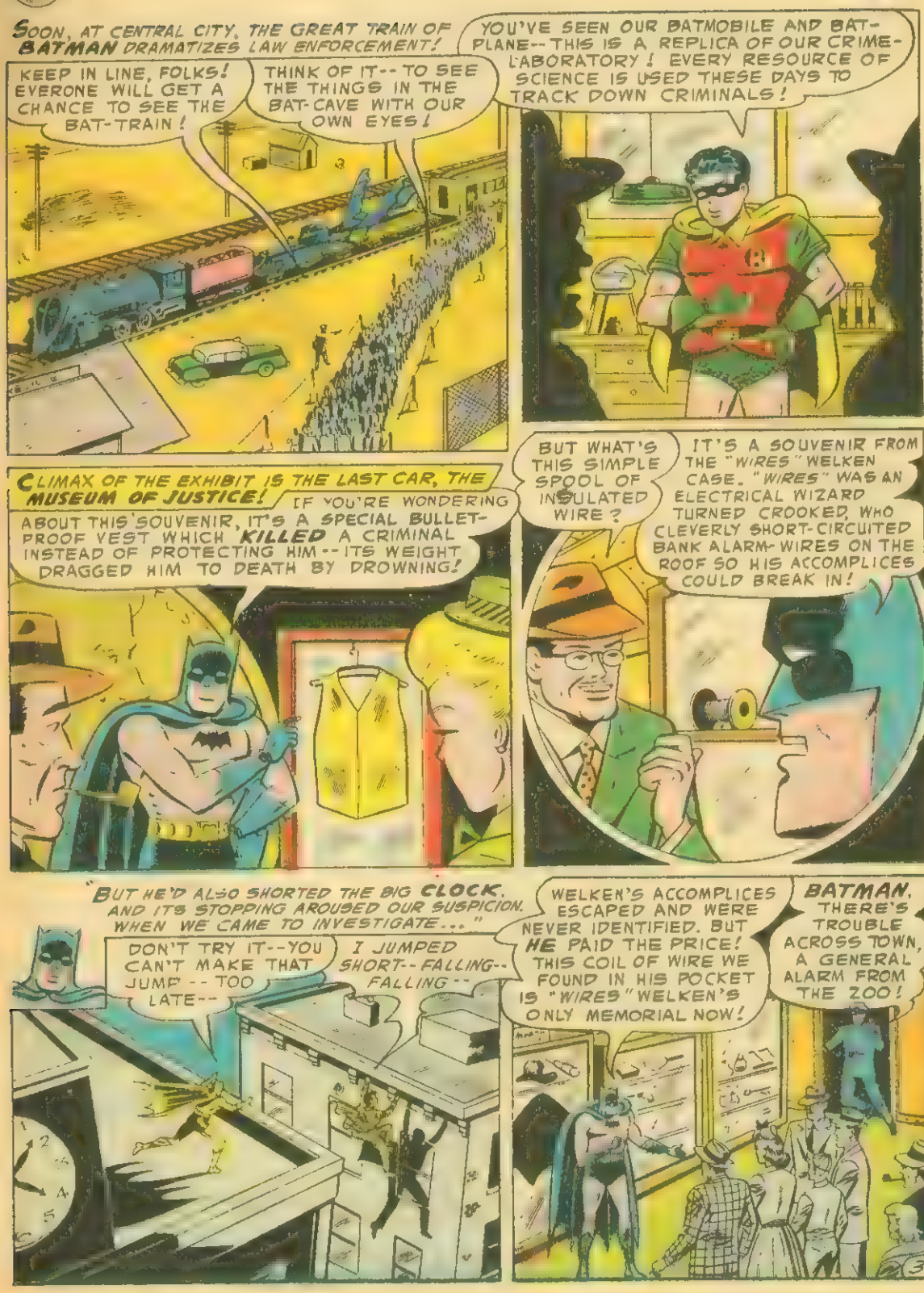
SOON, AT CENTRAL CITY, THE GREAT TRAIN OF BATMAN DRAMATIZES LAW ENFORCEMENT!
KEEP IN LINE, FOLKS! EVERONE WILL GET A CHANCE TO SEE THE BAT-TRAIN!
THINK OF IT-- TO SEE THE THINGS IN THE BAT-CAVE WITH OUR OWN EYES!
YOU'VE SEEN OUR BATMOBILE AND BAT-PLANE-- THIS IS A REPLICA OF OUR CRIME-LABORATORY! EVERY RESOURCE OF SCIENCE IS USED THESE DAYS TO TRACK DOWN CRIMINALS!
CLIMAX OF THE EXHIBIT IS THE LAST CAR, THE MUSEUM OF JUSTICE!
IF YOU'RE WONDERING ABOUT THIS SOUVENIR, IT'S A SPECIAL BULLET-PROOF VEST WHICH KILLED A CRIMINAL INSTEAD OF PROTECTING HIM -- ITS WEIGHT DRAGGED HIM TO DEATH BY DROWNING!
BUT WHAT'S THIS SIMPLE SPOOL OF INSULATED WIRE?
IT'S A SOUVENIR FROM THE "WIRES" WELKEN CASE. "WIRES" WAS AN ELECTRICAL WIZARD TURNED CROOKED, WHO CLEVERLY SHORT-CIRCUITED BANK ALARM-WIRES ON THE ROOF SO HIS ACCOMPLICES COULD BREAK IN!
"BUT HE'D ALSO SHORTED THE BIG CLOCK, AND ITS STOPPING AROUSED OUR SUSPICION. WHEN WE CAME TO INVESTIGATE..."
DON'T TRY IT--YOU CAN'T MAKE THAT JUMP -- TOO LATE--
I JUMPED SHORT--FALLING--FALLING--
WELKEN'S ACCOMPLICES ESCAPED AND WERE NEVER IDENTIFIED. BUT HE PAID THE PRICE! THIS COIL OF WIRE WE FOUND IN HIS POCKET IS "WIRES" WELKEN'S ONLY MEMORIAL NOW!
BATMAN, THERE'S TROUBLE ACROSS TOWN, A GENERAL ALARM FROM THE ZOO!
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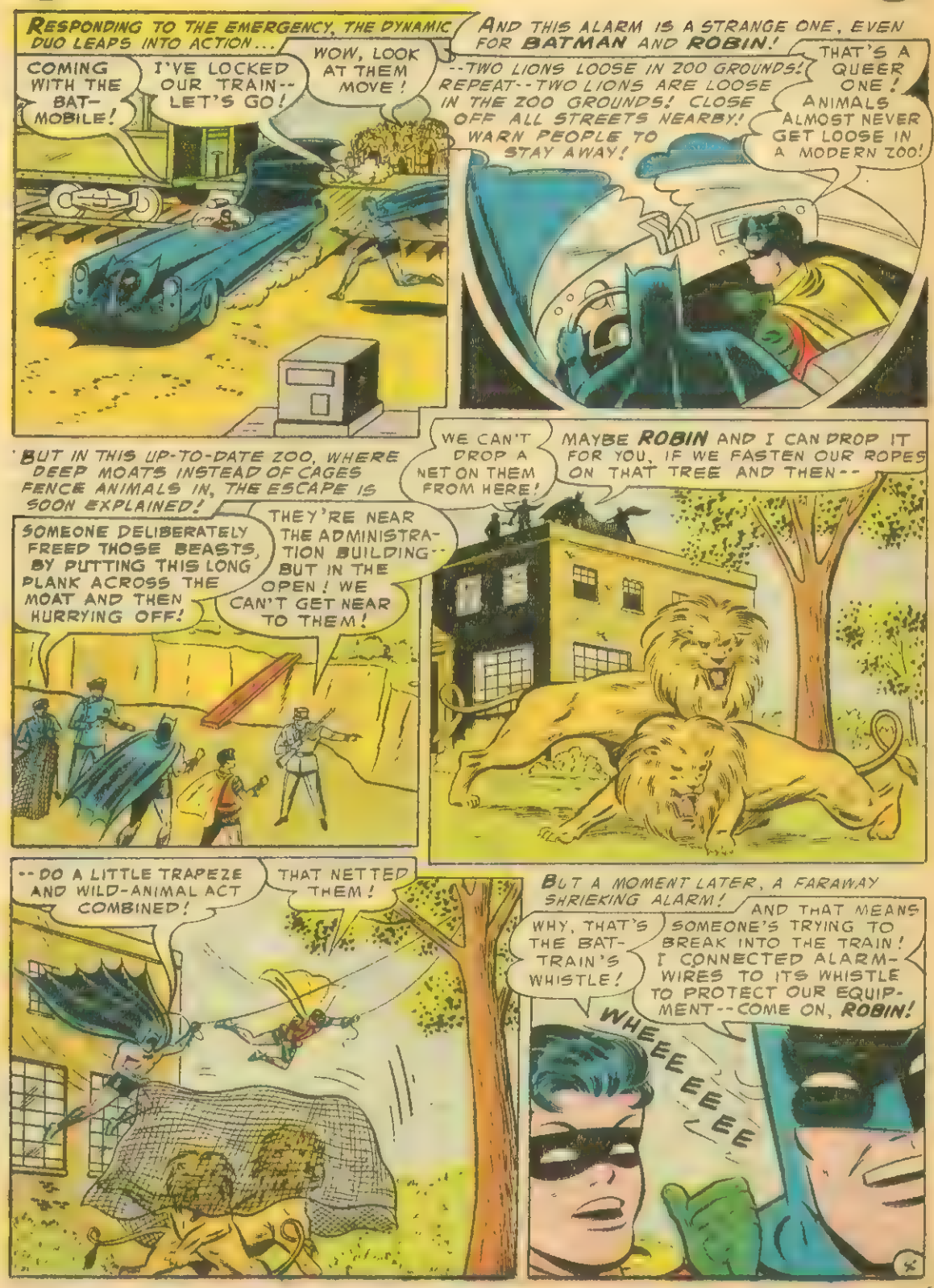
RESPONDING TO THE EMERGENCY, THE DYNAMIC DUO LEAPS INTO ACTION...
COMING WITH THE BAT-MOBILE!
I'VE LOCKED OUR TRAIN--LET'S GO!
WOW, LOOK AT THEM MOVE!
AND THIS ALARM IS A STRANGE ONE, EVEN FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN!
--TWO LIONS LOOSE IN ZOO GROUNDS! REPEAT--TWO LIONS ARE LOOSE IN THE ZOO GROUNDS! CLOSE OFF ALL STREETS NEARBY! WARN PEOPLE TO STAY AWAY!
THAT'S A QUEER ONE! ANIMALS ALMOST NEVER GET LOOSE IN A MODERN ZOO!
BUT IN THIS UP-TO-DATE ZOO, WHERE DEEP MOATS INSTEAD OF CAGES FENCE ANIMALS IN, THE ESCAPE IS SOON EXPLAINED!
SOMEONE DELIBERATELY FREED THOSE BEASTS, BY PUTTING THIS LONG PLANK ACROSS THE MOAT AND THEN HURRYING OFF!
THEY'RE NEAR THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING--BUT IN THE OPEN! WE CAN'T GET NEAR TO THEM!
WE CAN'T DROP A NET ON THEM FROM HERE!
MAYBE ROBIN AND I CAN DROP IT FOR YOU, IF WE FASTEN OUR ROPES ON THAT TREE AND THEN--
--DO A LITTLE TRAPEZE AND WILD-ANIMAL ACT COMBINED!
THAT NETTED THEM!
BUT A MOMENT LATER, A FARAWAY SHRIEKING ALARM!
WHY, THAT'S THE BAT-TRAIN'S WHISTLE!
AND THAT MEANS SOMEONE'S TRYING TO BREAK INTO THE TRAIN! I CONNECTED ALARM-WIRES TO ITS WHISTLE TO PROTECT OUR EQUIPMENT--COME ON, ROBIN!
WHEEEEEEEE

WE SET OFF AN ALARM WHISTLE--IT'LL BRING BATMAN BACK! GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
AND WE WERE SO NEAR TO WHAT WE WANT! BUT WE'LL GET IT NEXT TIME!
SCREEEEEEE
AND BY THE TIME THE DUO ARRIVES...
THAT'S WHY THE LIONS WERE RELEASED--TO PROVIDE AN ALARM THAT WOULD DECOY US, AND ALSO THE CROWD, AWAY FROM THE BAT-TRAIN!
BUT WHAT WERE THEY TRYING TO STEAL?
COULD IT BE OUR CRIME-LAB FILES THEY WERE AFTER?
THEY MUST KNOW WE'D KEEP COPIES OF ALL OUR DATA IN THE REAL BAT-CAVE! WELL, WE CAN'T STAY TO HUNT FOR THEM, BECAUSE OUR SCHEDULE DEMANDS THE BAT-TRAIN GO ON NOW TO MIDDLETOWN!
AND AS NIGHT FALLS, SIGNAL LIGHTS CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE BATMAN SPECIAL DRIVING WESTWARD THROUGH DARKNESS!
WHAT WORRIES ME IS THAT THE JOB WAS SO CLEVERLY PLANNED! YET WHAT ARE WE CARRYING ON THIS TRAIN THAT COULD BE OF ANY VALUE TO THE CROOKS?
IT'S A PUZZLE! BUT WHATEVER THEIR MOTIVE, THEY FAILED AND WE'VE LEFT THEM BEHIND NOW!
BUT MENACE IS NOT EASILY LEFT BEHIND--WHEN IT RIDES RIGHT WITH YOU!
WE'LL CHECK OVER THE TRAIN AGAIN JUST TO MAKE SURE AND--ROBIN, THAT SCREECH OF AIR MEANS AN AIR-HOSE COUPLING BROKEN! QUICK, THE LAST CAR--
HE UNCOUPLED THE MUSEUM CAR--BUT I CAN STILL JUMP IT!
IT DIDN'T WORK--I'D BETTER GET OUT OF THIS FAST--AND THAT RIVER'S A SAFE WAY TO DO IT!

HE JUMPED INTO THE RIVER--AND I HAVE TO BRAKE THIS CAR DOWN! HE'LL HAVE TIME TO ESCAPE!
SPLASH
MOMENTS LATER, AS THE BAT-TRAIN COMES BACK FOR ITS LAST CAR...
HE MUST HAVE HIDDEN UNDER THE CAR AT CENTRAL CITY, WHEN THE OTHER CROOKS RAN OFF!
THIS PROVES THAT WHAT THEY'RE AFTER IS IN THE MUSEUM OF JUSTICE CAR--ONE OF OUR TROPHIES! BUT WHICH? WE'VE GOT TO FIND OUT!
AND AS THE BAT-TRAIN AGAIN RACES THROUGH THE NIGHT...
PROFESSIONAL THIEVES WOULDN'T TRY FOR THESE TROPHIES OF PAST CASES! THINGS LIKE THESE HAVE NO VALUE TO THEM!
YES, WHO WOULD WANT TO STEAL A BULLET-PROOF VEST, OR A BIG PENNY, OR A LITTLE COIL OF INSULATED STEEL WIRE?
BUT WAIT--THAT MUST BE THE ANSWER! RIGHT UNDER OUR NOSES, AND WE NEVER SAW IT!
I DON'T SEE ANY CLUE TO THESE THEFT-ATTEMPTS!
WHAT CLUE HAS BATMAN DISCOVERED IN PLAIN SIGHT? WHATEVER IT IS, WHEN THE BAT-TRAIN STOPS NEXT AT MIDDLETOWN...
...ROBIN GOES ON AN URGENT ERRAND WHILE BATMAN EXHIBITS THE TRAIN!
--AND THAT'S HOW THE BATPLANE AND BATMOBILE HELP THE POLICE RUN DOWN LAW-BREAKERS!
THERE COMES ROBIN BACK NOW! WHEN THE CROWD HAS GONE, WE'LL SEE IF MY CLUE IS ANY GOOD!
HERE'S WHAT YOU WANTED, BATMAN!
AND IF I'M RIGHT, IT'LL HELP SOLVE THE MYSTERY-MENACE THAT THREATENS OUR TRAIN!
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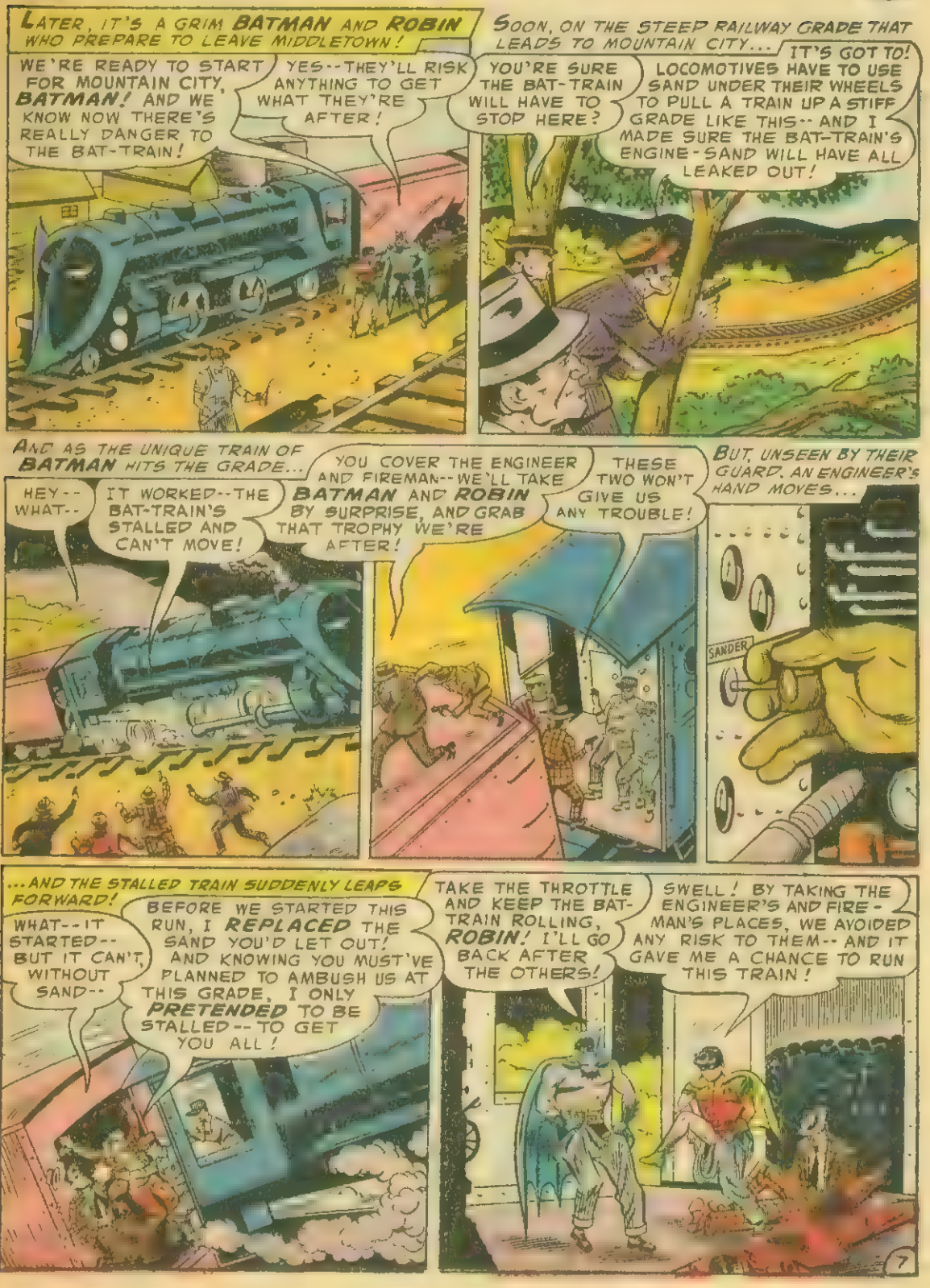
LATER, IT'S A GRIM BATMAN AND ROBIN WHO PREPARE TO LEAVE MIDDLETOWN!
WE'RE READY TO START FOR MOUNTAIN CITY, BATMAN! AND WE KNOW NOW THERE'S REALLY DANGER TO THE BAT-TRAIN!
YES--THEY'LL RISK ANYTHING TO GET WHAT THEY'RE AFTER!
SOON, ON THE STEEP RAILWAY GRADE THAT LEADS TO MOUNTAIN CITY...
YOU'RE SURE THE BAT-TRAIN WILL HAVE TO STOP HERE?
IT'S GOT TO! LOCOMOTIVES HAVE TO USE SAND UNDER THEIR WHEELS TO PULL A TRAIN UP A STIFF GRADE LIKE THIS-- AND I MADE SURE THE BAT-TRAIN'S ENGINE-SAND WILL HAVE ALL LEAKED OUT!
AND AS THE UNIQUE TRAIN OF BATMAN HITS THE GRADE...
HEY-- WHAT--
IT WORKED--THE BAT-TRAIN'S STALLED AND CAN'T MOVE!
YOU COVER THE ENGINEER AND FIREMAN--WE'LL TAKE BATMAN AND ROBIN BY SURPRISE, AND GRAB THAT TROPHY WE'RE AFTER!
THESE TWO WON'T GIVE US ANY TROUBLE!
BUT, UNSEEN BY THEIR GUARD, AN ENGINEER'S HAND MOVES...
SANDER
...AND THE STALLED TRAIN SUDDENLY LEAPS FORWARD!
WHAT--IT STARTED-- BUT IT CAN'T, WITHOUT SAND--
BEFORE WE STARTED THIS RUN, I REPLACED THE SAND YOU'D LET OUT! AND KNOWING YOU MUST'VE PLANNED TO AMBUSH US AT THIS GRADE, I ONLY PRETENDED TO BE STALLED--TO GET YOU ALL!
TAKE THE THROTTLE AND KEEP THE BAT-TRAIN ROLLING, ROBIN! I'LL GO BACK AFTER THE OTHERS!
SWELL! BY TAKING THE ENGINEER'S AND FIREMAN'S PLACES, WE AVOIDED ANY RISK TO THEM-- AND IT GAVE ME A CHANCE TO RUN THIS TRAIN!
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BUT, BACK IN THE TRAIN, THE SEARCHING CROOKS HAVE TAKEN ALARM!
THAT SPOOL OF WIRE THAT WAS THE "WIRES" WELKEN TROPHY--IT'S NOT HERE NOW! THEY GUESSED WHAT WE'RE AFTER AND--
THE TRAIN'S STARTED! SOMETHING'S WRONG UP AT THE ENGINE!
LOOK, IT'S BATMAN--COMING BACK ALONG THE TOP OF THE TRAIN!
SHOOT!
BUT ROBIN, AT THE THROTTLE, HAS SEEN BATMAN'S PERIL, AND PULLS HARD ON THE WHISTLE-CORD!
THE STEAM FROM THE WHISTLE WILL VEIL BATMAN SO THEY CAN'T SEE HIM--AND I HAVE TO WHISTLE FOR THE STATION AHEAD ANYWAY!
AS THE BAT-TRAIN RACES PAST THE STATION, BATMAN USES ITS MAIL-BAG HOOK TO FINISH THE JOB!
HERE'S A SPECIAL DELIVERY FOR YOU TWO!
AND SOON, WITH THE STUNNED CROOKS MADE PRISONER...
SLANN, WILDEN AND BLOSS--THREE KNOWN CROOKS WHO WERE THE ACCOMPLICES OF "WIRES" WELKEN IN THAT BANK-ROBBERY ATTEMPT! AND THE WIRE-RECORDER RECORDING WELKEN HAD IN HIS POCKET WHEN HE DIED NAMES YOU!
SO YOU FOUND OUT WHAT THAT WIRE-TROPHY REALLY IS!
YES, WHEN I FINALLY EXAMINED IT I FOUND IT WAS STEEL WIRE, WHICH IS NEVER USED AS INSULATED WIRE, SO I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING ODD! WELKEN MADE A RECORDING NAMING HIS ACCOMPLICES, AND DISGUISED IT WITH INSULATION!
HE DID IT FOR FEAR WE'D DOUBLE-CROSS HIM! WHEN HE GOT KILLED, WE COULDN'T GET IT BACK TILL YOU TOOK THIS BAT-TRAIN TOUR!
AND WHEN THE BAT-TRAIN ROLLS INTO MOUNTAIN CITY...
THIS IS ONE LAW ENFORCEMENT EXHIBIT WE DIDN'T PLAN!
YES--THE LESSON OF WHAT HAPPENS TO ALL LAW-BREAKERS!
THE END

CASEY
THE COP
H'LO, CAPTAIN!
CASEY, ARE YOU ON DUTY IN THAT COSTUME?
YES, SIR! MY UNIFORM IS AT THE CLEANERS--
--AND POLICE REGULATIONS REQUIRE AN OFFICER TO BE IN UNIFORM WHILE ON DUTY!
SO I BORROWED THIS FROM MY COUSIN WHO IS THE DOORMAN AT THE BIJOU THEATRE!
THE END

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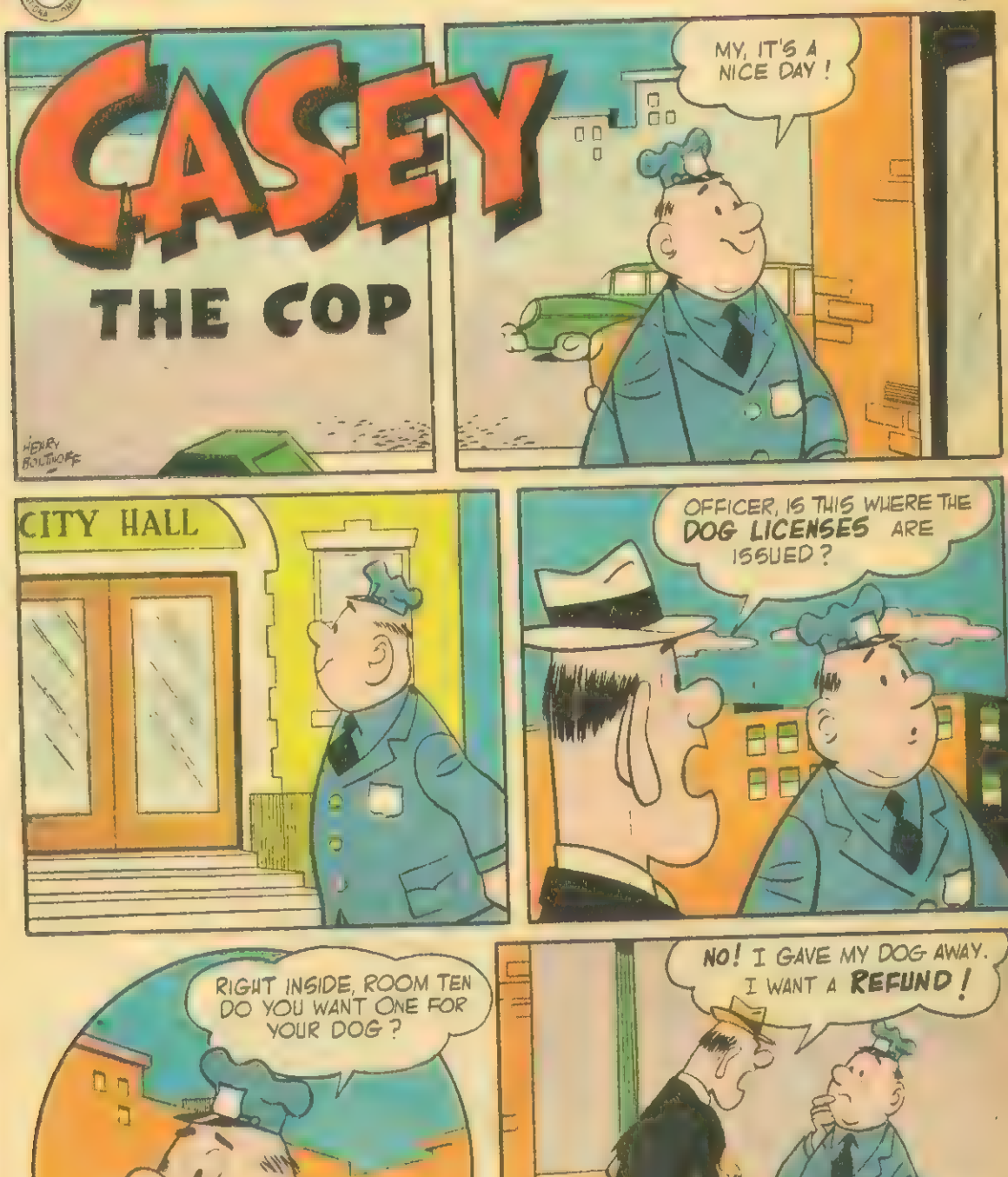
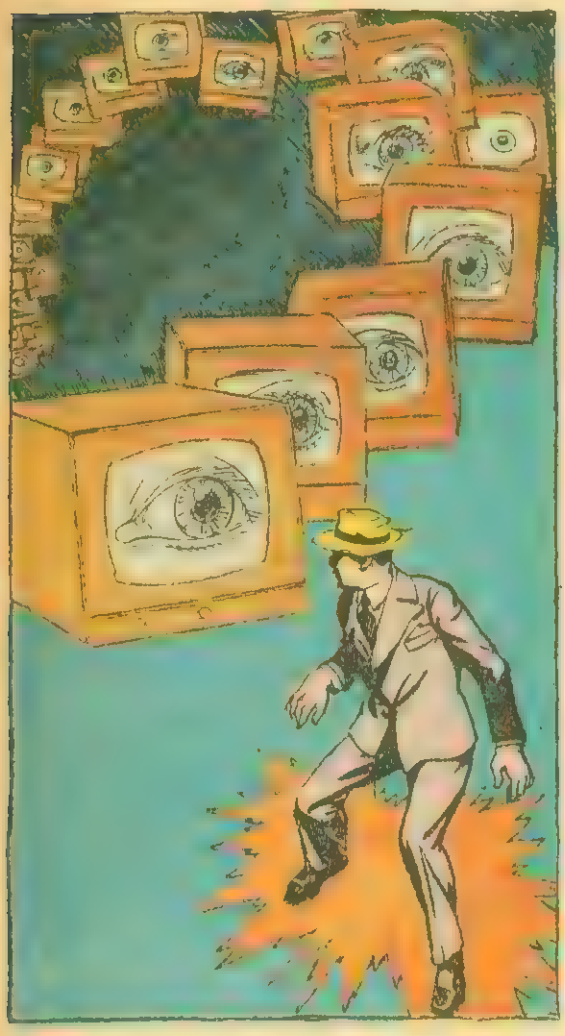

CASEY
THE COP
HENRY BOLTINOFF
MY, IT'S A NICE DAY!
CITY HALL
OFFICER, IS THIS WHERE THE DOG LICENSES ARE ISSUED?
RIGHT INSIDE, ROOM TEN DO YOU WANT ONE FOR YOUR DOG?
NO! I GAVE MY DOG AWAY. I WANT A REFUND!

SUSPECTS WANTED

Thanks to Vigilant Observation by Citizens, Police Are Aided in Their Work by Millions of Pairs of Eyes



IN a mid-western city, not long ago, an elderly woman, emerging from a supermarket with her arms loaded with bags, stopped dead in her tracks at the sight of a man entering the food market.

Then, regaining her composure, the woman walked up to a police officer directing traffic and whispered:

"Officer, a man wearing a thin mustache with a slight scar over his right eye just entered the market. I can't remember what his name is, but I know he's wanted by the police!"

"Sounds like Lefty Malone," said the policeman as he hurried off.

Half an hour later, Malone, who had been wanted by the police for passing bad checks for over a year, was behind bars.

At about the same time, a somewhat similar incident occurred in a southern state. There, a young clerk, leaving the office of the oil firm in which he worked, for lunch, noticed a stranger leaning against the corridor wall.

The clerk, pretending he had forgotten something, walked back into the office where he quickly lifted the phone and dialed police headquarters.

"Hello, police? That Jansen fellow you're looking for is just outside my office!" he said.

Exactly seven minutes later, two police officers nabbed and disarmed Roy Jansen, a fugitive from justice, wanted in four states for armed robbery.

More recently, in an eastern city, an elderly man was sunning himself on a park bench when, glancing up, he noticed a familiar figure seated on the bench opposite him.

Unable to place the man's face, the elderly man was about to join the stranger when he was struck by a sudden recollection. Trembling with excitement, he stood up and walked to the park's play area where a policeman was stationed.

"Officer, you still looking for that escaped convict, Martin?"

The policeman nodded.

"Well, you'll find him sitting on a park bench about 20 yards down this path!"

The police officer, minutes later, clamped bracelets on the surprised convict.

Although the above three cases happened in different parts of the country, they all have one peculiarity in common—the wanted man in each case was first identified by the so-called "average man in the street."

This peculiarity was no accident, or coincidence. It is the end result of a television program that started in one California city—and has since been adopted by other cities through the nation—a program that enlists the man-in-the-street in the campaign against crime.

The name of the program is "Suspects Wanted."

It all began in a California city a few years ago. The police had their hands full with a wave of bad-check passing and forgeries. The gang was well-known to police, and individual members of the force had memorized the photos of the wanted men.

"But," as one police official expressed it, "looking for those hoodlums in a city of 4,500,000 is like looking for a needle in a haystack. We'd need thousands of policemen on the streets looking for them!"

It was this remark that eventually led to the formation of the "Suspects Wanted" program.

A police sergeant, mulling over the words, suddenly got an idea. Hurrying to headquarters, he placed his plan before the chief.

"We all agree that we need thousands of extra pairs of eyes to keep a continuing look-out for those forgers! Why not put their photos on television?"

The chief thought it over for several seconds, then nodded. "Practically everybody in town owns a television set. If we flashed the crooks' faces on their screens, they'd soon get to know them."

The chief stood up. "Great idea!" he said. "if the TV station goes for it."

Not only did the local TV station agree to help out, but executives were sure it would make an interesting human-interest program. A half-hour slot was set aside for the show every morning of the week.

The show itself followed a simple format. A police officer was put in charge of the program. And while he spoke the name of the wanted man, or suspect, a camera took a closeup shot of the man in question. A limit of four or five photos was set to the number of any single show in order to avoid confusing the viewers.

Police officials were enthusiastic long before the show began paying off.

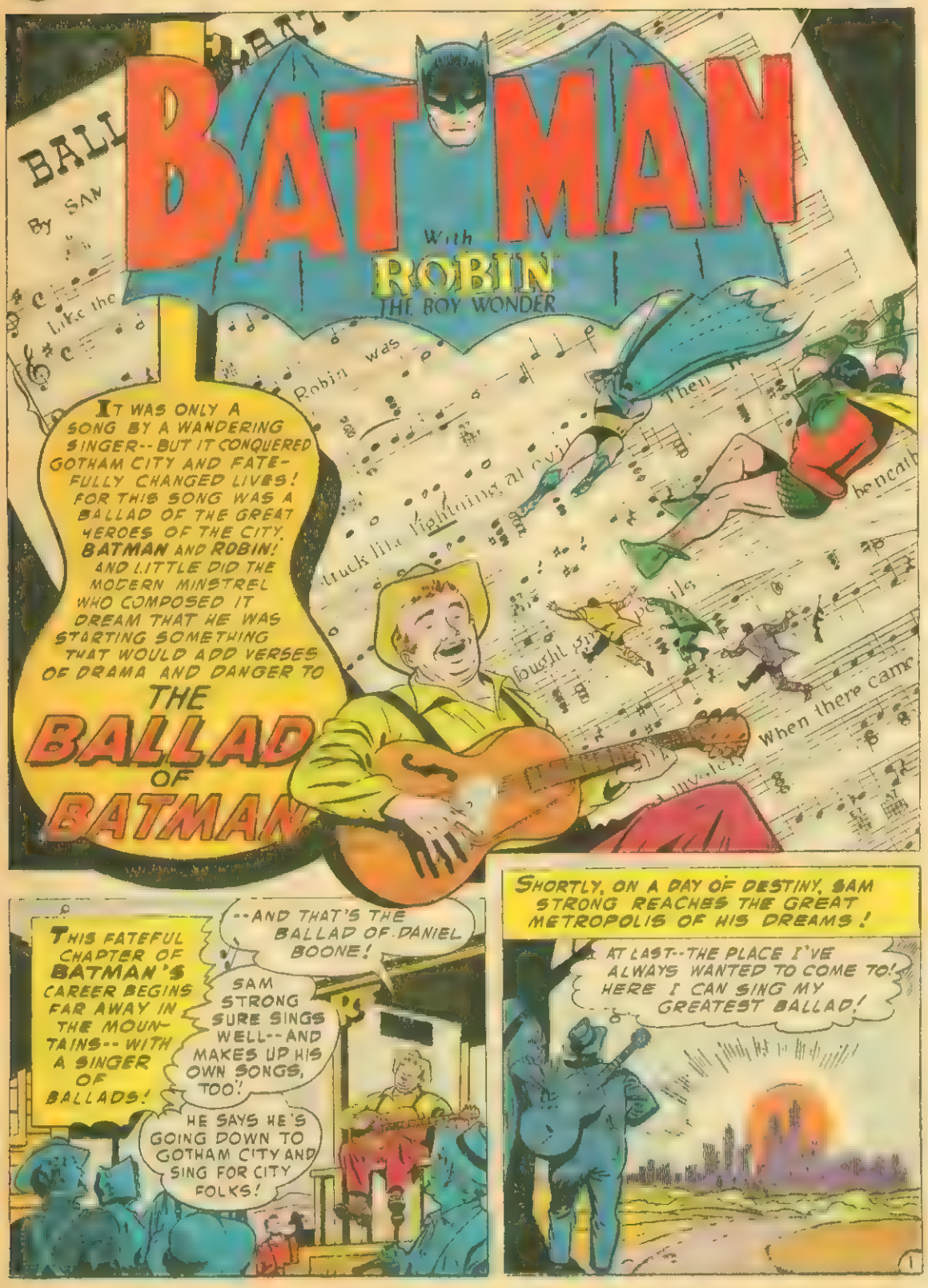
"It can't miss!" was the enthusiastic comment of the police commissioner. "Imagine having close to two or three million policemen walking the beat for us!"

The enthusiasm was deserved. Before long, tips were being phoned in from the most unlikely places. A window washer, happening to glance into the window of an office on the 18th floor of a skyscraper, spotted one suspect.

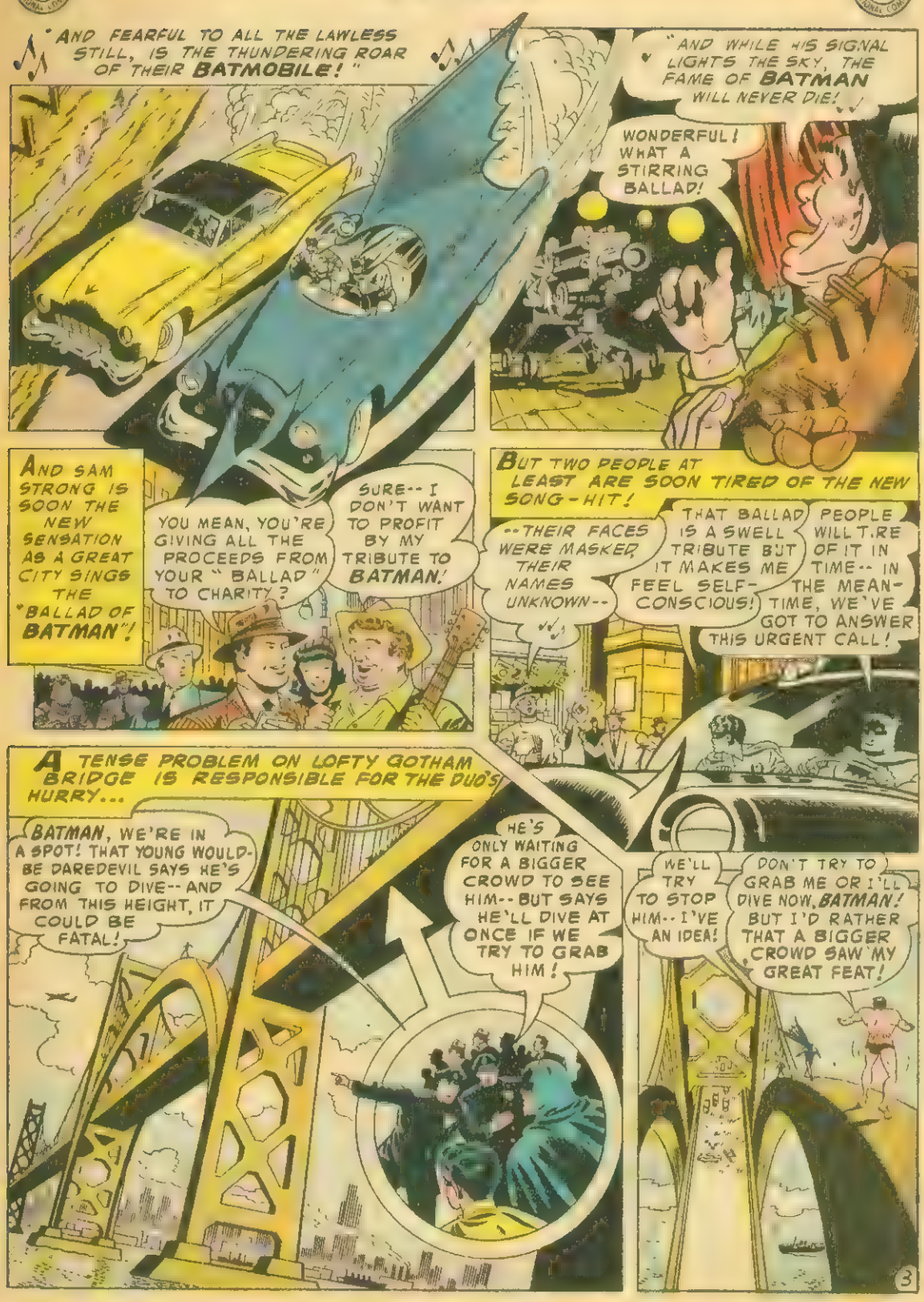
But the case that best illustrates the effectiveness of the program concerned the sudden appearance at headquarters of a man wanted for several months.

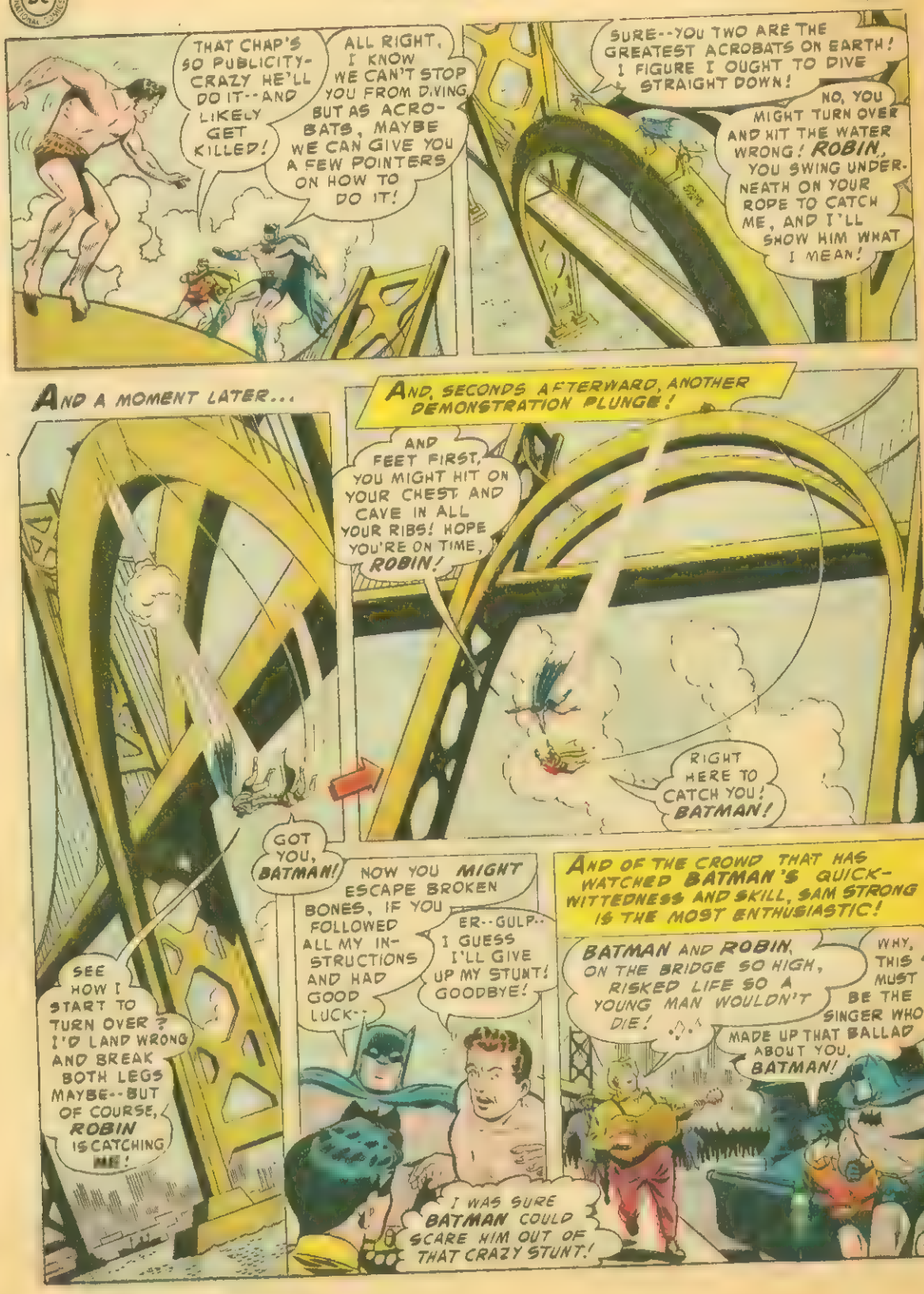
"I'm turning myself in voluntarily," he said in a low, tired voice. "I couldn't stand seeing my picture on television every morning!"

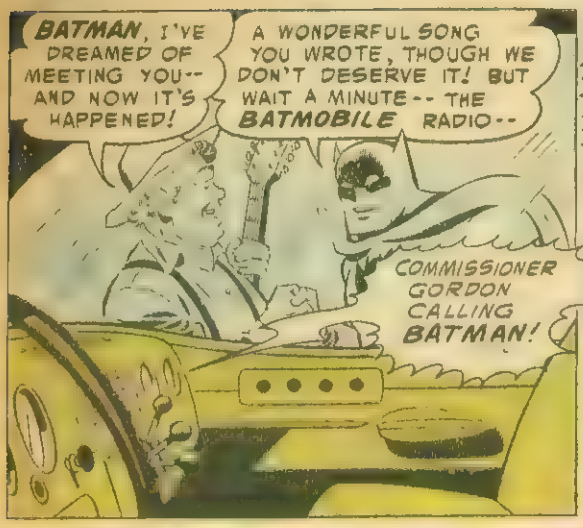
—Jack Miller

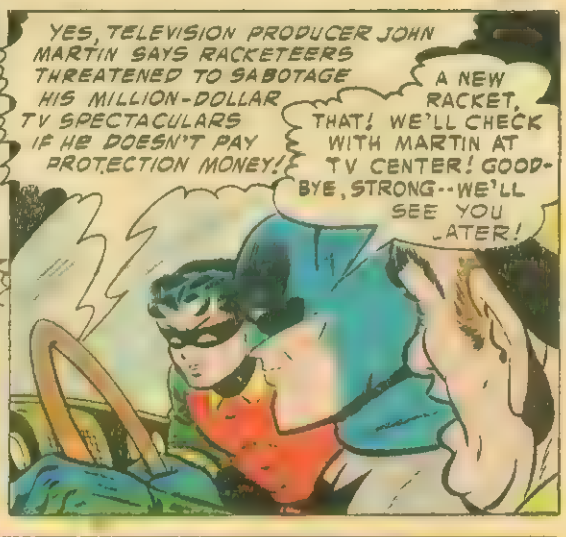

BATMAN
With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
IT WAS ONLY A SONG BY A WANDERING SINGER--BUT IT CONQUERED GOTHAM CITY AND FATEFULLY CHANGED LIVES! FOR THIS SONG WAS A BALLAD OF THE GREAT HEROES OF THE CITY, BATMAN AND ROBIN! AND LITTLE DID THE MODERN MINSTREL WHO COMPOSED IT DREAM THAT HE WAS STARTING SOMETHING THAT WOULD ADD VERSES OF DRAMA AND DANGER TO
THE BALLAD OF BATMAN
THIS FATEFUL CHAPTER OF BATMAN'S CAREER BEGINS FAR AWAY IN THE MOUNTAINS--WITH A SINGER OF BALLADS!
--AND THAT'S THE BALLAD OF DANIEL BOONE!
SAM STRONG SURE SINGS WELL--AND MAKES UP HIS OWN SONGS, TOO!
HE SAYS HE'S GOING DOWN TO GOTHAM CITY AND SING FOR CITY FOLKS!
SHORTLY, ON A DAY OF DESTINY, SAM STRONG REACHES THE GREAT METROPOLIS OF HIS DREAMS!
AT LAST--THE PLACE I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO COME TO! HERE I CAN SING MY GREATEST BALLAD!

AND IN HIS OWN QUAINT WAY, THE MOUNTAIN MINSTREL BRINGS GOTHAM CITY A NEW SONG!
I'VE ALWAYS HAD ONE GREAT HERO -- I'VE READ ABOUT HIS FEATS FOR YEARS AND I'VE WRITTEN A BALLAD ABOUT HIM!
LIKE THE WIND, LIKE THE SHADOWS, LIKE BIRDS IN FLIGHT, BATMAN AND ROBIN CAME THROUGH THE NIGHT--
WHY, IT'S A BALLAD ABOUT BATMAN!
THAT MOUNTAIN SINGER'S BALLAD OF BATMAN WOULD BE A KNOCKOUT ON TELEVISION! WE'LL GET HIM TO BROADCAST!
AND SOON, A GREAT CITY RELIVES ITS MEMORIES OF ITS MIGHTIEST HEROES AS THE "BALLAD OF BATMAN" ROLLS FORTH!
NONE KNEW FROM WHERE THEY CAME NOR WHEN, BUT THEY STRUCK LIKE LIGHTNING AT EVIL MEN!
"THEIR FACES WERE MASKED, THEIR NAMES UNKNOWN, AS THEY FOUGHT GREAT PERILS, ALL ALONE!"
FIREWORKS CO.
"IN THEIR BATMARINE BENEATH THE SEA, THEY SOUGHT THE CLUES TO A MYSTERY!"
"WHEN THERE CAME THE ROBOT-MACHINE OF CRIME, BATMAN STOPPED IT JUST IN TIME!"

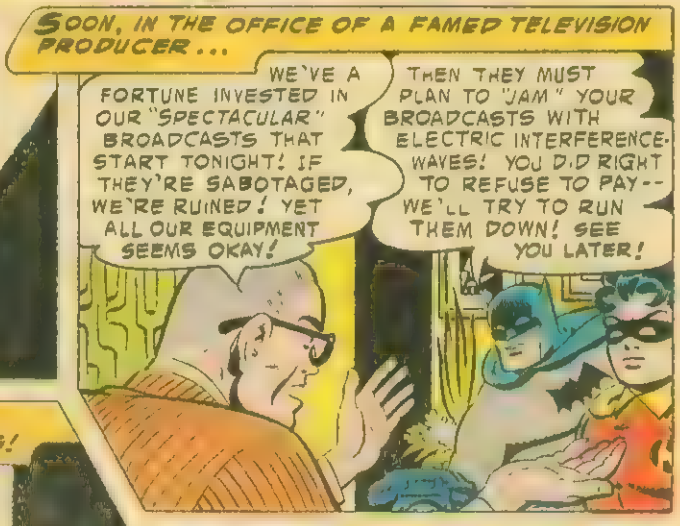

"AND FEARFUL TO ALL THE LAWLESS STILL, IS THE THUNDERING ROAR OF THEIR BATMOBILE!"
"AND WHILE HIS SIGNAL LIGHTS THE SKY, THE FAME OF BATMAN WILL NEVER DIE!"
WONDERFUL! WHAT A STIRRING BALLAD!
AND SAM STRONG IS SOON THE NEW SENSATION AS A GREAT CITY SINGS THE "BALLAD OF BATMAN"!
YOU MEAN, YOU'RE GIVING ALL THE PROCEEDS FROM YOUR "BALLAD" TO CHARITY?
SURE-- I DON'T WANT TO PROFIT BY MY TRIBUTE TO BATMAN!
BUT TWO PEOPLE AT LEAST ARE SOON TIRED OF THE NEW SONG-HIT!
--THEIR FACES WERE MASKED, THEIR NAMES UNKNOWN--
THAT BALLAD IS A SWELL TRIBUTE BUT IT MAKES ME FEEL SELF-CONSCIOUS!
PEOPLE WILL TIRE OF IT IN TIME-- IN THE MEAN-TIME, WE'VE GOT TO ANSWER THIS URGENT CALL!
A TENSE PROBLEM ON LOFTY GOTHAM BRIDGE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DUO'S HURRY...
BATMAN, WE'RE IN A SPOT! THAT YOUNG WOULD-BE DAREDEVIL SAYS HE'S GOING TO DIVE-- AND FROM THIS HEIGHT, IT COULD BE FATAL!
HE'S ONLY WAITING FOR A BIGGER CROWD TO SEE HIM-- BUT SAYS HE'LL DIVE AT ONCE IF WE TRY TO GRAB HIM!
WE'LL TRY TO STOP HIM-- I'VE AN IDEA!
DON'T TRY TO GRAB ME OR I'LL DIVE NOW, BATMAN! BUT I'D RATHER THAT A BIGGER CROWD SAW MY GREAT FEAT!

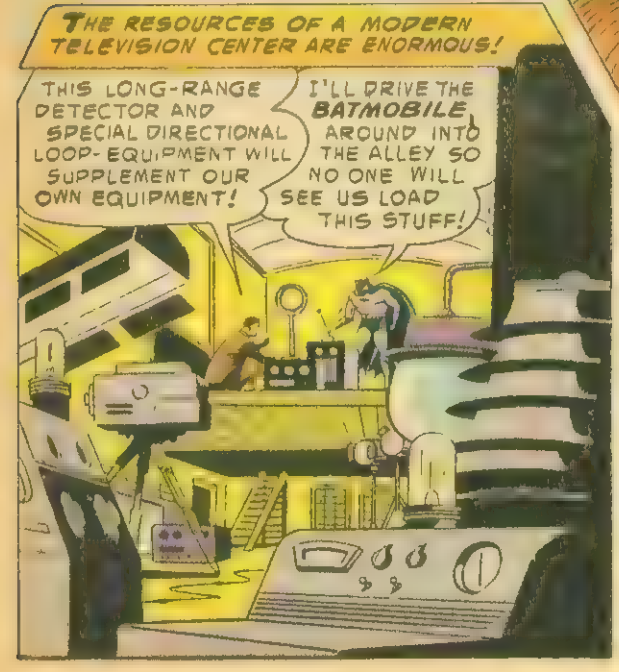

THAT CHAP'S SO PUBLICITY-CRAZY HE'LL DO IT--AND LIKELY GET KILLED!
ALL RIGHT, I KNOW WE CAN'T STOP YOU FROM DIVING BUT AS ACROBATS, MAYBE WE CAN GIVE YOU A FEW POINTERS ON HOW TO DO IT!
SURE--YOU TWO ARE THE GREATEST ACROBATS ON EARTH! I FIGURE I OUGHT TO DIVE STRAIGHT DOWN!
NO, YOU MIGHT TURN OVER AND HIT THE WATER WRONG! ROBIN, YOU SWING UNDERNEATH ON YOUR ROPE TO CATCH ME, AND I'LL SHOW HIM WHAT I MEAN!
AND A MOMENT LATER...
AND, SECONDS AFTERWARD, ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION PLUNGE!
AND FEET FIRST, YOU MIGHT HIT ON YOUR CHEST AND CAVE IN ALL YOUR RIBS! HOPE YOU'RE ON TIME, ROBIN!
RIGHT HERE TO CATCH YOU! BATMAN!
GOT YOU, BATMAN!
NOW YOU MIGHT ESCAPE BROKEN BONES, IF YOU FOLLOWED ALL MY INSTRUCTIONS AND HAD GOOD LUCK--
ER--GULP-- I GUESS I'LL GIVE UP MY STUNT! GOODBYE!
SEE HOW I START TO TURN OVER? I'D LAND WRONG AND BREAK BOTH LEGS MAYBE--BUT OF COURSE, ROBIN IS CATCHING ME!
I WAS SURE BATMAN COULD SCARE HIM OUT OF THAT CRAZY STUNT!
AND OF THE CROWD THAT HAS WATCHED BATMAN'S QUICK-WITTEDNESS AND SKILL, SAM STRONG IS THE MOST ENTHUSIASTIC!
BATMAN AND ROBIN, ON THE BRIDGE SO HIGH, RISKED LIFE SO A YOUNG MAN WOULDN'T DIE!
WHY, THIS MUST BE THE SINGER WHO MADE UP THAT BALLAD ABOUT YOU, BATMAN!

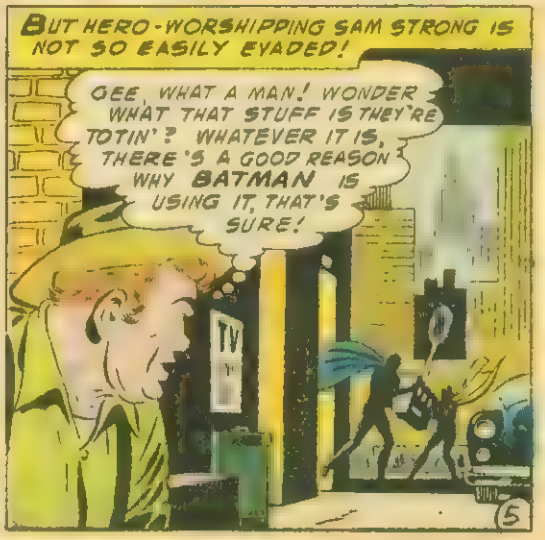

BATMAN, I'VE DREAMED OF MEETING YOU-- AND NOW IT'S HAPPENED!
A WONDERFUL SONG YOU WROTE, THOUGH WE DON'T DESERVE IT! BUT WAIT A MINUTE-- THE BATMOBILE RADIO--
COMMISSIONER GORDON CALLING BATMAN!


YES, TELEVISION PRODUCER JOHN MARTIN SAYS RACKETEERS THREATENED TO SABOTAGE HIS MILLION-DOLLAR TV SPECTACULARS IF HE DOESN'T PAY PROTECTION MONEY!
A NEW RACKET, THAT! WE'LL CHECK WITH MARTIN AT TV CENTER! GOOD-BYE, STRONG--WE'LL SEE YOU LATER!

HE'S GOING INTO ACTION AGAIN! MAYBE I CAN GET NEW VERSES FOR THE BALLAD IF I CAN SEE WHAT HE DOES!
OOOOO...


SOON, IN THE OFFICE OF A FAMED TELEVISION PRODUCER...
WE'VE A FORTUNE INVESTED IN OUR "SPECTACULAR" BROADCASTS THAT START TONIGHT! IF THEY'RE SABOTAGED, WE'RE RUINED! YET ALL OUR EQUIPMENT SEEMS OKAY!
THEN THEY MUST PLAN TO "JAM" YOUR BROADCASTS WITH ELECTRIC INTERFERENCE-WAVES! YOU D'D RIGHT TO REFUSE TO PAY-- WE'LL TRY TO RUN THEM DOWN! SEE YOU LATER!


THE RESOURCES OF A MODERN TELEVISION CENTER ARE ENORMOUS!
THIS LONG-RANGE DETECTOR AND SPECIAL DIRECTIONAL LOOP-EQUIPMENT WILL SUPPLEMENT OUR OWN EQUIPMENT!
I'LL DRIVE THE BATMOBILE AROUND INTO THE ALLEY SO NO ONE WILL SEE US LOAD THIS STUFF!


BUT HERO-WORSHIPPING SAM STRONG IS NOT SO EASILY EVADED!
GEE, WHAT A MAN! WONDER WHAT THAT STUFF IS THEY'RE TOTIN'? WHATEVER IT IS, THERE'S A GOOD REASON WHY BATMAN IS USING IT, THAT'S SURE!
TV
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IN THE HIDDEN BATCAVE UNDER THE WAYNE MANSION, BATMAN AND ROBIN WORK FAST!
THE SPECTACULAR IS DUE TO START IN TWENTY MINUTES!
IT'S TIME ENOUGH-- WE'LL BE READY IF THOSE RACKETEERS TRY TO RUIN THE BROADCAST!
AND TV SABOTEURS ARE READY ALSO!
SWELL--THE ELECTRIC INTERFERENCE FROM THIS WILL RUIN MARTIN'S BIG BROADCAST! AND IN THIS TRUCK, WE CAN CRUISE AROUND SO NO ONE WILL SPOT US!
AND WHITEY'S WAITING AT THE TV CENTER TO TAKE THE MONEY WHEN MARTIN PAYS OFF! HE'LL HAVE TO PAY!
WITH SCIENCE TO AID THEM, THE DAUNTLESS PAIR, WILL TRACK SABOTEURS TO THEIR FARTHEST LAIR! SEARCHING THEM OUT WITH A LOOP OF STEEL, CRUISING THE NIGHT IN THE BATMOBILE!
LOOP OF STEEL? SAY, I'D BETTER WARN THE BOYS ABOUT THIS FAST!
TV Center
MOMENTS LATER, AS THE SPECTACULAR BEGINS...
OUR BROADCAST ISN'T GOING OUT-- THAT INTERFERENCE IS JAMMING AND RUINING IT!
BATMAN AND ROBIN WERE GOING TO PREVENT THIS! WHERE ARE THEY?
AT THIS MOMENT, THE DUO IS HOT ON AN ELECTRONIC TRAIL!
WE'LL RUN THEM DOWN SOON!
TURN RIGHT AT THE NEXT CORNER, ROBIN! THE DIRECTION-FINDER SHOWS THE INTERFERENCE COMES FROM JUST WEST OF HERE AND IS MOVING NORTHWARD!
QUICK, CUT OFF THE "JAMMING" WAVES! BATMAN IS USING A DIRECTIONAL LOOP RIGHT NOW TO RUN YOU DOWN-- THAT BLABBER-MOUTH BALLAD-SINGER GAVE IT AWAY!
CUT IT-- WE DON'T WANT BATMAN ON OUR NECKS!

THEY SUDDENLY STOPPED JAMMING THE BROADCAST! NO WAY TO LOCATE THEM NOW!
WE DID SAVE MARTIN'S BROADCAST FROM RUIN-- BUT DIDN'T CATCH THOSE RACKETEERS! THEY MUST HAVE LEARNED WE WERE CLOSE-- BUT HOW?
THAT QUESTION IS ANSWERED WHEN THE DUO GOES BACK TO TV CENTER!
DO YOU HEAR MY LATEST BALLAD VERSE ABOUT YOUR "LOOP OF STEEL", BATMAN? EVERYBODY SEEMED TO LIKE IT!
I'M BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND NOW! BETTER COME IN WITH US AND TELL US ABOUT THAT VERSE, SAM!
SOON, IT'S A DEJECTED BALLAD-SINGER WHO LEARNS WHAT HE'S DONE!
I WRECKED YOUR PLANS-- AND ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS MAKE MY BALLAD ABOUT YOU BETTER!
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, SAM!
YOU SAVED THIS BROADCAST, BATMAN, AND THEY'LL BE TOO SCARED TO TRY JAMMING TOMORROW'S!
YOU WON'T BE SAFE FROM THEIR RACKET UNTIL THEY'RE BEHIND BARS! WE'LL BAIT THEM OUT-- AND SAM STRONG CAN HELP US DO IT!
HELP YOU, BATMAN? I'D SURE DO ANYTHING!
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS SING ONE MORE VERSE ABOUT A MISSION ROBIN AND I ARE GOING ON TOMORROW NIGHT! I CAN'T TELL YOU MUCH ABOUT IT, THOUGH!
SHUCKS, IT'S AN HONOR TO MAKE UP NEW VERSES ABOUT YOUR DOIN'S, BATMAN.
AND SO, NEXT EVENING, AS SAM STRONG SINGS AGAIN...
♪♪ OUT OVER THE SEA, AS THE SHADOWS FALL, BATMAN FLIES TO ANSWER A CALL! ♪♪
TV Center
THAT GABBY BALLAD-SINGER HAS TIPPED BATMAN'S HAND AGAIN! HE'S HAD TO LEAVE TOWN-- WE'RE SAFE TO HIT MARTIN'S BROADCAST TONIGHT!
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AND OUT OVER THE SEA, INDEED...
WE'RE TEN MILES OUT AT SEA, ROBIN, AND NOW WE'RE TURNING BACK!
I GET IT! THIS FLIGHT WAS JUST SO SAM WOULD BE TELLING THE TRUTH IN HIS BALLAD!
I'M CRUISING LOW OVER THE MID-TOWN SECTION ON HELI-COPTERS-- GET ANY-THING?
YES! STRONG INTERFERENCE WAVES FROM A POINT ON MIDWAY BOULEVARD! SAM'S BALLAD DECOYED THEM OUT AND THEY'RE TRYING TO RUIN ANOTHER BROAD-CAST!
THE BATPLANE! THAT HILLBILLY SINGER HAD IT WRONG-- BATMAN HASN'T LEFT TOWN!
BUT WE'RE LEAVING! GET GOING!
BUT SOON, ON A COUNTRY ROAD, REMORSELESS PURSUIT CLOSES DOWN...
THE BATPLANE, USING ITS JETS TO KICK UP THE DUST ON THIS ROAD! CAN'T SEE-- GOT TO STOP--
AND AMID CHOKING DUST-CLOUDS, TWO GRIM SHAPES CLOSE IN!
YOU WANTED PROTECTION MONEY BUT YOU'LL GET ONLY PROTECTION-- INSIDE A NICE, PROTECTED PRISON!
LATER...
SURE, I'M GOING HOME, BATMAN-- BUT I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU!
WE'LL NEVER FORGET HOW YOU HELPED US, SAM! NOR YOUR GREAT SONG!
AND WHILE HIS SIGNAL LIGHTS THE SKY, THE FAME OF BATMAN WILL NEVER DIE!
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